

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

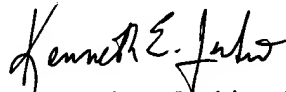
Claims 1-31 are now listed and were canceled in an Amendment dated October 3, 2001. Claims 32-62 are pending in the present application. Claims 32-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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